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SUBJECT:AUGUST 12 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

NONALIGNED SUMMIT OPENS AT COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, WITH
SPECIAL GREETING FROM FINMIN BANDARANAIKE TO VN, LAOS,
CAMBODIA (CSM; AP, NYT).

VN REPORTEDLY PERMITTING VIETS LIVING ABROAD TO VISIT
FAMILIES IN FORMER SVN; MEMBERS 1ST GROUP TO GO BACK
HAVE RETURNED TO FRANCE (WP).

VN NEWS AGENCY TELLS OF 4 CHILDREN FATHERED BY US GIS
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LIVING IN NEW ECON AREA, GETTING ALONG FINE (UPI, NYDN).

2. THAILAND

US WILL PROVIDE RTG WITH 94 MILLION DOLS ECON AID OVER NEXT 6 YRS, WITH MOST GOING FOR POPULATION CONTROL, RURAL DEVELOPMENT; WB, ADB, UN AGENCIES, PRIVATE EUR MONEY MARKETS NOW HELP THAI DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. IF CONGRESS APPROVES, RTG WILL GET 17.3 MILLION DOLS IN FY 77 MIL AID (AP, NYDN).

3. PHILIPPINES

BENIGNO AQUINO REFUSES APPEAR BEFORE MIL COURT TRYING HIM ON CHARGES ILLEGAL POSSESSION FIREARMS, MURDER, SUBVERSION. OPPOSITION LEADER EARLIER ANNOUNCED WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN PROCEEDINGS (UPI, WP).

4. AUSTRALIA

FOSTER WHEELER WILL FURNISH ENGINEERING SERVICES, SPECIALTY PARTS FOR COAL-FUELED POWER STATION TO BE BUILT N OF SYDNEY. AUSSIE AFFILIATES 2 JAPANESE FIRMS WILL BUILD BOILER PLANT (WSJ).

5. JAPAN

KEIDANREN ECON MISSION IN MOSCOW TOLD KOSYGIN TOO ILL MEET THEM. SAID NO DETAILS ON CONDITION GIVEN BY TRADE MIN PATOLICHEV (NYT).

AT LEAST 4 KILLED, 24 WOUNDED ISTANBUL AIRPORT WEDS WHEN TERRORISTS ATTACKED PASSENGERS WAITING BOARD EL AL FLIGHT (CHITRIB). POLICE CAPTURED TWO TERRORISTS WHO SAID WERE MEMBERS PFLP SPLINTER-GROUP, CONFESSED LIBYA FINANCED OPERATION. ONE OF DEAD WAS YOUNG JAPANESE MAN, WITH PISTOL IN SHIRT; POLICE THOUGHT WAS TERRORIST, BUT MFA TOKYO IDENTIFIED AS TOUR GUIDE YUTAKA HIRANO. NO EXPLANATION FOR PISTOL. PLANE LATER FLEW SAFELY TO TEL AVIV (WP). POLICE SAID TERRORISTS FLEW TRIPOLI-ROME EARLY IN DAY, BOARDED ALITALIA FLIGHT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ISTANBUL CARRYING HAND GRENADES/WEAPONS IN SUITCASES (AP, SUN, NYT). TWO MODERATE QUAKES ROCKED KYUSHU WEDS; NO CASUALTIES/DAMAGE REPORTED (UPI, NYDN; REUTER, PHINQ).

NPS SPOKESMAN SAID 3 JAPANESE CLIMBERS DIED IN AVALANCHE SUN, OR MON, AT 8,000-FT LEVEL MT FORAKER, ALASKA (AP, WSTAR 8/11).

SPOKESMAN SAID NOMURA SECURITIES INTL HAS REGISTERED "NOMURA CAPITAL FUND OF JAPAN" WITH SEC; PLANS OFFER FIRST OPEN-END FUND IN US THIS FALL THAT INVESTS PRIMARILY IN JAPANESE ISSUES (WSJ, NY).

CULLISON (JOC) NOTES EPA REPORTED TO CABINET TUES RECOVERY WELL UNDER WAY; ALSO WARNED GOJ MUST WATCH PRICE MOVEMENTS CLOSELY, BE ALERT TO SIGNS OF RESURGENCE HIGH RATE INFLATION.

AMB/MRS TOGO PRESENTED MAYOR WASHINGTON 5,000 DOL CHECK WED, ON BEHALF JAPAN GOVERNORS ASSN, TO BUY 100 YOSHINO CHERRY TREES FOR PLANTING NATL CHILDREN'S ISLAND IN ANACOSTIA RIVER (WP).

6. CHINA

IN REPORT TO SENATE PUBLISHED IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD 8/10, SEN SCOTT SAID PEKING RULERS TOLD HIM, WITH "VEHEMENCE", THAT CIVIL WAR BETWEEN PRC-ROC "STILL A WAR" AND TOTALLY DOMESTIC AFFAIR. SCOTT ADVOCATES OPENING DIP RELS W/PEKING EVEN IF DOING SO INVOLVES SEVERING DIP TIES W/TAIWAN. HOLDS VIEW THAT IN 1977, US SHOULD PRESS "PROCESS OF CUTTING THIS GORDIAN KNOT." URGED TAIWAN LEADERS UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR SECURITY DEPENDENT MORE UPON US GOODWILL THAN ON 1954 DEF TREATY, WHICH HE STATED "CANNOT BE TAKEN AUTOMATICALLY FOR GRANTED." ROBT BARNETT, WHO ACCOMPANIED SCOTT TO CHINA, NOTED CHINESE "NOT EXCLUDING ANY MEASURES" REACH SOLUTION TO "PROBLEM THEY REGARD AS THEIRS" (GELB, NYT; MARDER, WP).

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT RELEASED BY REP WOLFF (D-NY) SAYS PRC FORCES OUTNUMBER SOV TROOPS ALONG SINO-SOV BORDER, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT CHINESE WEAPONS INFERIOR TO NUKE-EQUIPPED RUSSIANS. REPORT, BASED ON WOLFF'S APRIL TRIP TO PRC, ALSO SAYS CHINESE LEADERS CAUTIONED THAT US "DOES NOT FULLY RECONIZE" IMPLICATIONS OF SOV ARMS BUILDUP, ASSERTED US IS SOV'S "PRIMARY TARGET" (UPI, NYDN).

PRC WILL OPEN GAS STATION IN HK AS PART PEKING'S OFFER PROVIDE COLONY W/MORE GAS (AP, WP).

D.C. MAYOR WASHINGTON RECEIVED BRONZE STATUE OF CONFUCIUS FROM ROC AMB SHEN AS US BICEN GIFT (WP W/PHOTO).

7. GENERAL

ADB APPROVES 11 LOANS TOTALING 305 MILLION DOLS; PROJECTS

ARE IN AFGHANISTAN, BURMA, INDONESIA, SK, PHILS, PAKISTAN, SINGAPORE, THAILAND. BIGGEST RECIPIENT IS BURMA (WP), RECEIVING 45 MILLION DOLS FOR MULTI-PURPOSE DAM IRRIGATION PROJECT NEAR MANDALAY. KOREA DEV FIN CORP GOT 40 MILLION DOL LOAN TO HELP FINANCE LOAN OPNS FOR SK MNFCTING, PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (UPI, JOC).

BALTO N-A (8/11) CARRIES UPI ARTICLE ON WORLD'S TERRORISTS. MENTIONS JAPANESE RED ARMY AS PROMINENT GROUP. NOTES LIBYA HAS SUPPLIED WEAPONS TO MOSLEM GUERRILLAS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING PHILS, THAILAND. ADDS CHINA, NK AMONG NATIONS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO RECENT

TERRORISM UPSURGE.

8. KOREA

SOURCES SAY POLICE ARRESTED 8 PRESBYTERIAN MINS, 1 OTHER AT KWAGJU WED, TO QUESTION ABOUT CRITICISM OF GOVT (WP). SUPPORTED MYONGDONG DECLARATION, CALLED FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH/MISSIONARY WORK IN PRAYER MEETING AT YANGLIM (AP SUN; PHINQ).

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9. KOREA

CSM CENTER-FOLD (PHOTOS BY MATHENY) SHOWS ROK AS FAST-GROWING COUNTRY ILL-SUITED TO LABELS THAT APPLY MUCH OF ASIA. KILBORN ATTRIBUTES ECON GROWTH TO NATL PRIDE, MASSIVE INFUSIONS ECON (AND MIL) AID BY US, CONCESSIONS BY JAPAN, OTHERS. NOTES POST-WAR BABY BOOM HAS PROVIDED NEW WORKERS TO HELP TURN WHEELS OF INDUSTRY. CITES OBSERVERS WHO BELIEVE ROK WILL REMAIN ECONOMICALLY VIABLE FOR YEARS TO COME.

10. AUSTRALIA

HARTLEY (WSJ) LOOKS AT MINING INDUSTRY, FINDS IT STAGNANT DESPITE NEW GOVT PROMISES GET MOVING AGAIN. BELIEVES COSTS BIGGEST HINDRANCE NEW MINING DEVELOPMENTS, DUE INFLATION; QUOTES RTZ OF UK THAT COSTS 30 PCT MORE OPEN AUSSIE OPN THAN SIMILAR 1 IN US. NOTES MARKET HASN'T GROWN AS FAST AS HOPED FOR IRON ORE, COAL, NICKEL, OTHER MINERALS. REVIEWS STEPS TAKEN BY GOVT TO MOVE NEW DEVELOPMENT. ADDS AUSSIES HAVE COME TO REALIZE NEED OUTSIDE CAPITAL, WHILE UNIONS LATELY BEGIN

SEE HIGH WAGE DEMANDS ARE MAJOR INFLATION CAUSE, HAVE MODERATED DEMANDS. MENTIONS LAW UNDER CONSIDERATION THAT WOULD GIVE ABO TRIBES RIGHT TO CLAIM TRADITIONAL/SACRED LANDS AS POSSIBLE OBSTACLE TO DEVELOPING URANIUM RESERVES.

11. CHINA

HARVARD GOVT PROF HOFHEINZ (CSM) REMARKS PRC CONSIDERS ITSELF AT WAR NOT ONLY W/NATURE, BUT W/RIVALS IN OUTSIDE WORLD WHO MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE WELL-PUBLICIZED WEAKNESS, THUS US SHOULD NOT EXPECT LEARN MUCH MORE ABOUT QUAKE DISASTER THAN ALREADY KNOWS. STATES SEVERAL OPTIONS OPEN FOR US OFFER FRIENDSHIP/GENEROSITY: VOLUNTEER SEND

INSTRUMENTATION/EQUIPMENT TO STRENGTHEN PRC'S FORECASTING EFFORT; PROPOSE PRC SCIENTISTS BE ADMITTED TO US LABS NOW DOING ADVANCED RESEARCH ON QUAKE PREVENTION/PREDICTION; VOLUNTEER DO JOINT EXPERIMENTS--IN EITHER COUNTRY--
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OF TYPE ALREADY CONDUCTED W/OTHER QUAKE-PRONE COUNTRIES.

12. GENERAL

AUG "SMITHSONIAN" CARRIES MOVING SAGA BY MATT HERRON, THAT TELLS HOW "AHAB'S CHILDREN" SET SAIL SPRING 1975 IN 80-FT HALIBUT SEINER OWNED BY GREENPEACE FDN, TO LOCATE SOV WHALING FLEET OFF CALIF, INTERPOSE SELVES BETWEEN HARPOON GUN/ WHALES IN HOPE SAVING SOME, AND INFLUENCING IWC MEETING LONDON ADOPT MORATORIUM. FOUND SOV WHALERS, WHO HAD ALREADY KILLED BABY WHALE BELOW LEGAL LIMIT. LAUNCHED RUBBER BOATS TO CONVOY NEARBY POD OF WHALES. WITNESSED COW KILLED BY EXPLOSIVE HARPOON FIRED JUST OVER THEIR HEADS. IN CONFUSION EIGHT WHALES GOT AWAY (PHOTOS BY REX WEYLER). KISSINGER

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